Pseudohyalina minuscula Binn.

'' singleyana Pils.

'' nummus Van.

Anguispira alternata rarinotata
Pils.

Helicodisus eigenmanni Pils.

Punctum pygmaeum Drap.

Succinea avara Say

Carychium exiguum Say

Carychium exile Lea

Physa integra Hald.

Lymnæa techella Hald. Planorbis trivolvis Say

" antrosus Conr.

liebmanni Dkr.

" parvus Say
" dilatatus Gld.

" cultratus Orb.

Planorbula obstructa Morel. Cincinnatia cincinnatiensis Anth.

Musculium transversum Say.

AN INTERESTING RADULA (EOCYPRAEA ADAMSONII SOW.)

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In 1924 I established a new sub-family Eocypræinæ, intermediate between Cypræinæ and Amphiperasinæ; its characters were taken from the shells, especially from those of the fossil species. Now I have information also of the radula of Eocypræa adamsonii Sow., the only recent survival of this genus, which is otherwise represented by numerous species inhabiting all seas, especially from Upper Cretaceous to Eocene times.

Its radula justifies the new sub-family Eocypræinæ. The median tooth is like in many Amphiperasinæ (Simnia purpurea Risso, for instance), but all cuspides are much longer. The admedian tooth shows the same external prolongation as Simnia purpurea Risso, and Amphiperas adriatica Sow., but the flabellum of its body is very peculiar. The uncini are quite distinct: inner one recalls Pedicularia, being elongate, with 3 cusps, while the outer one is flabelliform, but much narrower than in Amphiperasinæ. I counted about 350 rows of teeth, while there are in Triviinæ 40–70, in Pedicularia 75, in Cypræinæ 65–230, in Amphiperasinæ 70–150, and in the large Amphiperas ovum Linn. only, 240–300.

¹ Archiv für Naturgeschichte, xc, pp. 182, 205 (1924).

According to Prof. Thiele (Berlin), the radula of Jenneria pustulata Lam. is similar to that of Eocypræa adamsonii; also I have been told Sulcocypræa¹ concinna Ad. Rv., is allied to Eocypræinæ. The other genera, however, formerly included in Eocypræinæ do not belong to this group (excepted Transolula); Calpurnus is an aberrant form of Amphiperasinæ, Cypræogemmula seems to be allied to Pedicularia; the anatomy of Umbilia hesitata Ired.² proves that this genus (and Gisortia), though

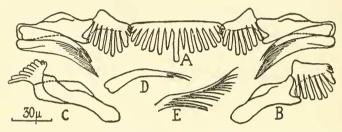


Fig. 1. A, one row of the lingual teeth of *Eocypræa adamsonii* Sow. B, one admedian tooth (left side), dorsal view. C, one admedian tooth (left side), basal view from behind. D, one inner tooth (left side), dorsal view. E, flabellum of the outer uncinal tooth, unfolded (left side), basal view.

very primitive (the third branch of the osphradium still being short!), belongs to Cypræinæ. Mandolina and its predecessor Archicypræa (new, type: lioyi Bay.) form an ancient branch intermediate between Cypræinæ and Eocypræinæ. The systematic position of Cypræovula can not yet be determined certainly: the shells of the 6 species restricted to South Africa look very ancient (they seem to be most nearly allied to shells from the Eocene of Australia: Austrocypræa pyrulata Tate); I have not yet succeeded in getting a radula, all specimens of the common species (capensis Gray, edentula Gray) being beach shells.

¹There is no difference between the shells of "Ovulum concinnum" Ad. Rv., from the Indopacific Ocean and the Eocene species of Sulcocypræa Conr., viz.: mathewsonii Gabb, lintea Conr. (= kennedyi Harr.), vaughani Johns., and healeyi Aldr. (= dalli Aldr.). Sulcocypræa must not be confounded with Cyprædia Swains., which belongs to Triviine.

² Vayssière, Récherches zool. et anat. Moll. Cypraeidés I. (Ann. Mus. Hist. Nat. Marseille, Zool., xviii), p. 80, t. 2, figs. 23-26 (1923).